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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - TWA ACCESS TO AZORES

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1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CALLED ON DR. JOAO PEQUITO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, AT LATTER'S REQUEST. AMBASSADOR PEQUITO BEGAN DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT HE WISHED TO PURSUE MY RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES ON REF SUBJECT. HE THEN REITERATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME EARLIER, I.E., PORTUGAL'S BILATERAL AGREEMENTS GIVE RUSSIA AND CUBA OPERATING RIGHTS IN THE "AZORES." THUS, IF TWA OBTAINS ACCESS TO LAJES, AIRLINES OF THOSE TWO COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF SEVERAL OTHER NATIONS, WOULD HAVE LEGAL RIGHT TO REQUEST SIMILAR ACCESS.

2. ECON COUNSELOR NOTED THAT OTHER AIRLINES HAVE NO GENUINE COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN LAJES. IF REQUESTS FOR ACCESS ARE RECEIVED FROM OTHER NATIONS, GOP COULD CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS AND SEEK REVISION OF PERTINENT BILATERALS IN ORDER TO SUBSTITUTE "SANTA MARIA" FOR "AZORES." SUCH CHANGES SHOULD NOT POSE EXCESSIVE DIFFICULTY, ESPECIALLY WITH RUSSIAN BILATERAL. PORTUGAL PRESENTLY
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GIVES AEROFLOT RIGHTS AT LISBON AND AZORES, PRESUMABLY

IN RETURN ONLY FOR MOSCOW. THIS ARRANGEMENT HARDLY SEEMS
EQUITABLE, PARTICULARLY SINCE PORTUGUESE AIRLINE (TAP)
HAS LITTLE INTEREST IN MOSCOW.

3. AMBASSADOR PEQUITO ASSERTED THAT RENEGOTIATION OF
PORTUGAL'S BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, IN ORDER TO RESTRICT
OTHER AIRLINES TO SANTA MARIA, WOULD BE A LONG, COMPLI-
CATED PROCESS, BUT HE PROMISED TO STUDY THIS ISSUE
FURTHER. HE THEN STATED THAT USG AND GOP DELEGATES
HAD MET RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS TAP NON-
AFFINITY GROUP FARE PROPOSAL. U.S. DELEGATION HAD
REPORTEDLY REQUESTED INFORMAL SESSION IN WHICH IT
ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT RESOLUTION OF LAJES QUESTION WOULD
FACILITATE POSITIVE DECISION ON TAP NON-AFFINITY
PROPOSAL.

4. COMMENT: REPORTED LINKAGE OF LAJES AND NON-AFFINITY
ISSUES HAS APPARENTLY STIMULATED GOP INTEREST IN RE-
SOLVING LAJES ACCESS QUESTION. IN FACT, AMBASSADOR
PEQUITO'S STATEMENT SEEMED ALMOST TO BE OPENING BID FOR
COMPROMISE PACKAGE WHICH WOULD RESOLVE BOTH ISSUES.
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